

## **MINUTES**

### **Louisiana Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority**

**April 6, 2005**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Commissioner** J. Robert Wooley, Chairperson, called the meeting of the LATIFPA to order at 2:10 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present**

Commissioner Robert Wooley,  
Chairperson  
Mr. Mike Boydston  
Senator James David Cain  
Representative Karen Carter  
Lieutenant Allen Carpenter  
James J. Donelon, Esq.  
Mr. Joseph Dupuis, Sr.  
Mr. Rodley Henry  
Mr. Larry Hinton  
Treasurer John Kennedy  
Mr. Richard Soileau

##### **Members Absent**

Mr. Clement Story III

##### **Staff Members Present**

Denise Cassano  
Kevin Smith  
Chris Fontenot  
Chalace Crow

##### **Staff Members Absent**

Roll call indicated eleven board members present, representing a quorum. Chairperson Wooley gave a brief overview and history of the Louisiana Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority (LATIFPA). He stated the primary way the Authority can help both consumers and insurance companies doing business in the State of Louisiana is by decreasing auto theft and fraudulent insurance claim rates.

Chairperson Wooley thanked the chairpersons for the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives Insurance Committees, Senator John David Cain and Representative Karen Carter respectively, for their roles in the enactment of Act 711 of the 2004 Regular Session. Commissioner Wooley then introduced the LATIFPA board members and staff. A motion was made by Richard Soileau to confirm the appointments of Ms. Denise Cassano as director and Mr. Kevin Smith as assistant director of the LATIFPA. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Hinton. Without discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cassano discussed the proposed bylaws of the LATIFPA. Senator Cain inquired about the use of proxies. Mr. Chris Fontenot, Legal Counsel, stated that a proxy could be used as long as it is sent and received in the LATIFPA office prior to a board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Soileau to adopt the bylaws as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinton. The bylaws were unanimously adopted.

Ms. Cassano and Mr. Smith gave a presentation to the board members. The presentation outlined the legislative intent of the State creating the LATIFPA, statement of the problems surrounding auto theft and insurance fraud in Louisiana, approaches for combating auto theft and insurance fraud, potential funding sources and information regarding other state auto theft prevention authorities.

The LATIFPA Mission Statement was presented by Ms. Cassano for adoption. Mr. Soileau made a motion to adopt the mission statement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinton and adopted unanimously.

A presentation was made by Lieutenant Allen Carpenter of the Louisiana State Police Insurance Fraud Unit. Lieutenant Carpenter gave examples of insurance fraud and talked about the role the Louisiana State Police Insurance Fraud Unit plays in combating fraud in the state. He further explained how the Louisiana State Police Insurance Fraud Unit, the Louisiana Department of Insurance and the Attorney General's office work together to prosecute fraud cases.

### **Next Meeting**

Ms. Cassano announced that the next scheduled board meeting would be held on June 22, June 29 or July 13 and the exact date would be confirmed by email.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.  
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